NATURAL SCIENCES
DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 2008

Present:

Faculty and Staff


Senate Report – C. Cowell

➢ There will be a 5% mid year budget cut
➢ The van policy does not ban students from driving; proposing to have a Class D license as a requirement.
➢ The accreditation team reported positive feedback. The final results will come in January, 2009
➢ There was a discussion regarding the need to offer an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree to students that are taking classes for a Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degree
➢ Under ED policy, Title 5 – proposed the 3 strike rule, it’s a local policy not a state policy
➢ Faculty development – Six hours of flex time will be given to faculty for mentoring

Area Council Report

➢ No report; the area council meeting was cancelled

SLO Report

➢ Department timelines should be turned in to Lars Kjeseth and Jenny Simon
➢ Physics and Chemistry submitted SLOs
➢ The deadline is December, 2009
➢ A draft of the SLO committee list was distributed
➢ Combine curriculum with SLOs
➢ Informational SLO proposals review – submit views to Jean

Bond Equipment Money

➢ There is $10,000 left over from the bond of 2004
➢ In order to purchase equipment using the bond equipment money, the items need to be entered into “Plan Builder”
➢ A list of equipment has been submitted to F. Arce and he will submit the list to Cabinet

Great ShakeOut

➢ The Great Shake-Out will be held on November 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
➢ Rocky Bonura, from the Safety Office, will send an email with information and instructions will be placed in all of the mailboxes
**STEM Grant**
- The Natural Sciences division will be participating in the 2 year STEM Grant funded for 1.7 million. T. Palos will take part in the STEM Grant.
- The STEM Grant would involve Mesa component fund, Physics fund, Supplemental Instruction, Re-vamping life science labs, Biotechnology program.
- R. Shibao will work on specifics for Engineering Technology (Industry and Technology)

**Facilities**
- Jean asked for a list of items needing repair so that one list could be sent to Facilities.

**Other**
- Friday, November 7, 2008, R. Shibao will have a speaker on campus to talk about Biological weapons in room Chem 101.
- Bus pass contract with Metro for students was discussed (Metro and Rail line only). El Camino College will pick up the difference; ECC-60%, Students-40%. $30.00 per year for a bus pass.
- Jean asked faculty to submit suggestions and thoughts regarding the comparison of state minimum qualifications versus local qualifications to J. Shankweiler.